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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct activities intended to recover and enhance endangered species survival. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act

of 1973, as amended (ESA), prohibits certain activities that may impact endangered species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please submit your written comments by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].**

ADDRESSES: *Document availability:* Request documents by phone or email: Susan Jacobsen, 505–248–6641, susan_jacobsen@fws.gov.

Comment submission: Submit comments by email to fw2_te_permits@fws.gov. Please specify the permit you are interested in by number (e.g., **Permit No. TE-123456**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Jacobsen, Chief, Classification and Restoration Division, 505–248–6641. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA's definition of "take" includes hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing but also such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting.

The ESA and our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at title 50, part 17, provide for issuing such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A recovery permit we issue under the ESA, section 10(a)(1)(A), authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or enhance the species' propagation or survival. These activities often include such prohibited actions as capture and collection. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by any party who submits a request as specified in **ADDRESSES**. Releasing documents is subject to Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) requirements.

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. We invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments

with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies. Please refer to the application number when submitting comments.

Application Number	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of Take	Permit Action
TE066550	Logan Simpson Design, Inc.; Tempe, Arizona	Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>), southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>), Yuma clapper rail (<i>Rallus longirostris yumanensis</i>), razorback sucker (<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>), Gila topminnow (<i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis</i>)	Arizona, New Mexico, Utah	Presence/absence surveys, habitat surveys, nest monitoring	Capture, harm, harass, injury, death	Renew
TE028605	SWCA; Flagstaff, Arizona	Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>), southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>), Yuma clapper rail (<i>Rallus longirostris yumanensis</i>), razorback sucker (<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>), Gila topminnow (<i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis</i>), Spikedace (<i>Mega fulgida</i>), loach minnow (<i>Tiaroga cobitis</i>), Sonoyta mud turtle (<i>Kinosternon sonoriense</i>)	Arizona, New Mexico	Presence/absence surveys, habitat surveys, nest monitoring	Harm, harass, injury, death	Renew

		<i>longifemorale</i>), Virgin River chub (<i>Gila seminuda</i> (=robusta))				
TE822998	USDA, Coronado National Forest; Tucson, Arizona	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>), Yuma clapper rail (<i>Rallus longirostris yumanensis</i>), Mexican long-nosed bat (<i>Leptonycteris nivalis</i>), ocelot (<i>Leopardus pardalis</i>), jaguar (<i>Panthera onca</i>), Mount Graham red squirrel (<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis</i>), Northern aplomado falcon (<i>Falco femoralis septentrionalis</i>), masked bobwhite quail (<i>Colinus virginianus ridgwayi</i>), Sonora tiger salamander (<i>Ambystoma tigrinum stebbinsi</i>), Gila topminnow (<i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis</i>), desert pupfish (<i>Cyprinodon macularius</i>), Yaqui chub (<i>Gila purpurea</i>), Gila chub (<i>Gila intermedia</i>)	Arizona, New Mexico	Presence/absence surveys	Harm, harass	Renew
TE43777A	Sea Life Aquarium; Grapevine, Texas	Kemp's ridley sea turtle (<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>), hawksbill sea turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>), green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>)	Texas	Captive breeding, rehabilitation	Harm, harass	Renew
TE155413	Sonoran Institute; Tucson, Arizona	Gila topminnow (<i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis</i>)	Arizona	Presence/absence surveys; collection	Harass, harm, capture, injury, death	New

TE28787B	Lawrence, Cindy; Buena Vista, Colorado	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)	New Mexico, Utah	Presence/absence surveys	Harm, harass	Renew
TE75679D	Ramirez, Alex; Katy, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler (<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>)	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harm, harass	New
TE091552	Homesley, Zane; Austin, Texas	American burying beetle (<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>), golden-cheeked warbler (<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>), southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>), Houston toad (<i>Bufo houstonensis</i>)	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harm, harass	Renew
TE584243B	Hill, Austin; Richardson, Texas	American burying beetle (<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>)	Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	Renew
TE54802B	Philips-Schaap, Megan; Tulsa, Oklahoma	American burying beetle (<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>)	Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harm, harass	Renew
TE74315D	Hogue, Chaylum; Ada, Oklahoma	American burying beetle (<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>)	Oklahoma	Presence/absence surveys	Harm, harass	Renew

TE75601D	Horner, Kaitlyn; Goodyear, Arizona	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)	Arizona	Presence/absence surveys	Harm, harass	New
TE52561B	Teague, Trevor; Bixby, Oklahoma	American burying beetle (<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>)	Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	Renew
TE053104	ACI Group, LLC.; Austin, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler (<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>), Houston toad (<i>Bufo houstonensis</i>), Coffin Cave mold beetle (<i>Batrisodes texanus</i>), Helotes mold beetle (<i>Batrisodes venyivi</i>), Robber Baron Cave meshweaver (<i>Cicurina baronia</i>), Madla Cave meshweaver (<i>Cicurina madla</i>), Bracken Bat Cave meshweaver (<i>Cicurina venii</i>), Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver (<i>Cicurina vespera</i>), Tooth Cave spider (<i>Neoleptoneta myopica</i>), Ground beetle (<i>Rhadine exilis</i>), Ground beetle (<i>Rhadine infernalis</i>), Tooth Cave ground beetle (<i>Rhadine persephone</i>), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion (<i>Tartarocreagris texana</i>), Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle (<i>Texamaurops reddelli</i>), Cokendolpher cave harvestman (<i>Texella cokendolpheri</i>), Bee Creek Cave harvestman (<i>Texella reddilli</i>),	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	Renew

		Bone Cave harvestman (<i>Texella reyesi</i>)				
TE233205	Bonn, Thomas; Lockhart, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler (<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>)	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harm, harass,	Renew
TE43746A	Johnson, Matthew; Flagstaff, Arizona	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)	Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah	Presence/absence surveys	Harm, harass,	Renew
TE043399	Eagle Environmental; Vinita, Oklahoma	American burying beetle (<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>), interior least tern (<i>Sterna antillarum athalassos</i>)	Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas	Presence/absence surveys,	Harm, harass	Renew
TE820730	New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department; Santa Fe, New Mexico	Sacramento prickly poppy (<i>Argemone pinnatisecta</i>), Mancos milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus humillimus</i>), Sacramento Mountains thistle (<i>Cirsium vinaceum</i>), Lee's pincushion cactus (<i>Coryphantha sneedii</i> var. <i>leei</i>), Sneed's pincushion cactus (<i>Coryphantha sneedii</i> var. <i>sneedii</i>) gypsum wild buckwheat (<i>Erigonum gypsophilum</i>), Todsens' pennyroyal (<i>Hedeoma todsenii</i>), Pecos sunflower (<i>Helianthus paradoxus</i>), Holy Ghost ipomopsis (<i>Ipomopsis sancti-spiritus</i>), Mesa Verde cactus (<i>Sclerocactus mesae-verdae</i>)	New Mexico	Seed collection	Harm, harass	Renew

TE27791B	National Park Service, Montezuma Castle and Tuzigoot National Monuments; Camp Verde, Arizona	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)	Arizona	Presence/absence surveys	Harm, harass	Renew
TE33889B	Miami University; Oxford, Ohio	Diminutive amphipod (<i>Gammarus hyalleloides</i>), Noel's amphipod (<i>Gammarus desperatus</i>), Pecos amphipod (<i>Gammarus pecos</i>), Socorro isopod (<i>Thermosphaeroma thermophilum</i>), Chupadera springsnail (<i>Pyrgulopsis chupaderae</i>), Alamosa springsnail (<i>Tryonia alamosae</i>)	New Mexico, Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harm, harass	Renew
TE830213	EcoPlan Associates, Inc.; Mesa, Arizona	Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>), southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>), Sonora tiger salamander (<i>Ambystoma tigrinum stebbinsi</i>), Mount Graham red squirrel (<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis</i>), Sonoran pronghorn (<i>Antilocapra americana sonoriensis</i>), Gila topminnow (<i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis</i>), desert pupfish (<i>Cyprinodon macularius</i>), Yaqui chub (<i>Gila purpurea</i>), Gila chub (<i>Gila intermedia</i>)	Arizona	Presence/absence surveys	Harm, harass	Renew

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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